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WHAT TO WATCH IN SOCHI

• **10 a.m.** Patrick Chan has a chance to become the first Canadian to take home men's figure skating gold at the Olympics. He's second after the short program, but less than four points off the top spot.

• **12:30 p.m.** Canada's men's hockey team is back on the ice, looking to improve to 2-0 after beating Norway 3-1. The boys will face Austria in the second of three preliminary round games.

GREG DOWNS/FOR METRO



Meet London Olympian's own cheering section

Tessa Virtue gets love from Stoneybrook Sharks **PAGE 6**

Have fun on Family Day!

Metro will not be publishing on Monday, Feb. 17. Look for us again on Tuesday

No love for non-NHLers in Sochi?

Winter Olympic Games. Western prof says intense media attention on men's hockey diverts focus from other athletes



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At noon Eastern-time Thursday, the Olympics in Sochi changed and some people are suggesting not for the better.

That was the time the Canadian men's hockey team took to the ice against Norway and began their 11-day pursuit of the Olympic gold medal.

So despite Patrick Chan beginning his chase for the elusive Canadian dream of winning the first men's singles figure-skating title, most Canadians were glued to TV sets in homes, offices and bars to watch Sidney Crosby, Drew Doughty and other NHLers.

Dr. Janice Forsyth, director of the International Centre for

Olympic Studies at Western University, said the non-NHL athletes need more support, at least for the 17 days of the Sochi Games.

"This intensive focus that we have on hockey is understandable from a cultural point of view, but I think the media isn't doing our athletes in our sport system any favours by not giving the other athletes their due attention," Forsyth said.

Forsyth added even though the women's hockey coverage has improved, it has nowhere near the same interest as the men.

"In Canada, there is just that intensive focus that we have on hockey — and it's

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"In terms of trying to support the other athletes and generating support, it's not necessarily a good thing."

Dr. Janice Forsyth on the attention paid to the men's Olympic hockey team

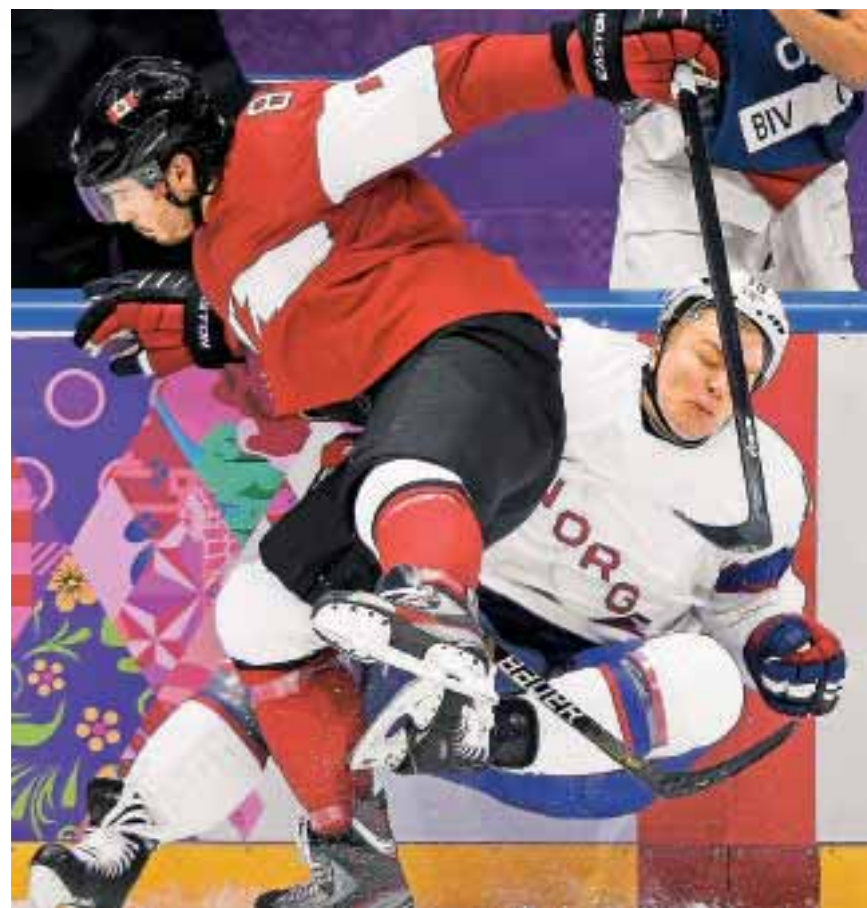
mostly around men's hockey, let's face it — it's really challenging when you don't see the other athletes getting as much attention," she said.

Forsyth said the focus on men's hockey is a "detriment to the other sports."

"It's because the NHL is taking a break and they're trying to generate excitement from the NHL crowd in the Olympic Games, just spinning the NHL model a different way, this time where the athletes actually represent their country," she said.

There is more balanced coverage of all athletes in Quebec, she said.

"We could actually learn a lesson from Quebec because they really do hold up their athletes as role models, and not just the hockey players," Forsyth said. "They've got a really good funding base in the province, they've got good opportunities for sponsors, of course corporate sponsors step up to the plate, and media is very supportive of all of the athletes."



London's Drew Doughty, left, hits Norway forward Per-Age Skroder as Canada's men's hockey team plays its first match of the Sochi Games. Canada won 3-1. More Olympic coverage on pages 27-30. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Drug charges laid after explosion, house fire

Not giving details.

Police haven't commented on the nature of the drug charges



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Three men and a woman are now facing charges in the wake of a Feb. 7 explosion and house fire.

The blaze forced the evacuation of neighbours and landed all four people inside the house in hospital with burns. The house itself was reduced to nothing more than a scorched pile of debris, now surrounded by yellow police tape.

Nicola Treszl, 44, and Harmeet Singh, 26, of Woodstock, and Ahmad Jamal, 25, and 23-year-old Hassan Jouda, both of London, are charged with production of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, arson by negligence, arson with disregard for human life, mischief endangering life and mischief over \$5,000.

Jamal, Singh and Jouda have also been charged with property obtained by crime, while Singh faces a further breach of probation.

Police haven't commented on the nature of the drug charges, but Singh and Treszl are scheduled to appear in court March 18. Jamal and Jouda were

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"... The blast was so loud I thought my car had exploded."

Neil Dodd, who lives across the street from 598 Alberta Ave. in Woodstock

scheduled to appear Thursday.

A neighbour across the street from what was 598 Alberta Ave. was home when the fire started.

"I didn't feel my house shake, but the blast was so loud I thought my car had exploded," said Neil Dodd. "Their garage door flew off the house, and landed on their vehicles."

Seconds later, people and dogs poured out of the house. One man was on fire, Dodd said.

"He was completely engulfed," Dodd said. "He fell to the ground and rolled around on the laneway to put it out. I saw a woman come out the side of the house with some dogs."

Dodd said he was calling police just as officers swept in. Firefighters arrived moments later.

Two of the suspects remained in hospital in stable condition Thursday.

The charges were laid after a joint investigation by the Woodstock police drug unit and the Ontario Fire Marshal.

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Rubble is all that's left of a house at 598 Alberta Ave. in Woodstock after a fire that's resulted in drug charges.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Investigation continues. Three arrested, charged in robbery and stabbing

Three people have been arrested on charges stemming from a Tuesday stabbing near Clarence and Bathurst streets.

John Brown, 18, Ronnie Doxtator, 19, and Dakota Turner, 20, all of London, are charged with committing a robbery involving violence and assault causing bodily harm.

The incident started about 8:30 p.m. with one of the suspects allegedly demand-

ing property from the victim. When the victim refused to hand it over, a fight broke out, and Brown stabbed him in the hip, police said.

Four people, one of whom is known to the victim, reportedly ran from the scene, police said.

Investigators are still working to identify a fourth suspect. The victim has been released from hospital.

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Talented writer

Penning a winning essay for Black History Month

London police honoured Black History Month Thursday with an inspirational ceremony and an award to a talented writer, who was able to best convey what black history means to her.

Shenique Bartley, 18, won the third annual Lewis Coray Trailblazer Award for Youth, named after the now 88-year-old former London Police sergeant and trailblazer himself.

Diversity officer Sgt. Marcel Marcellin said the 14 finalists are examples of what can be achieved when goals are set.

"It's just really great to recognize black achievement and all the things our forefathers did before us. We really want to have the young people understand this and to think about what it is they want to do with their life."

Black History Month is an observance of the significant achievements realized by the black community globally and locally.

Marcellin pointed to what he said is the disproportionate over-representation of blacks

in the criminal justice system and under-representation in post-secondary academic institutions as a serious issue that effects not only the black community, but the entire community.

Bartley, who wrote about the history of slavery and the ways blacks were able to rise from it, secured an eight-week paid summer employment on the 2014 PEACE (Police Ethnic & Cultural Exchange) team.

One sentence from her essay was separated from the many gems for the audience.

"Our past makes us who we are and the choices we make determine our future."

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

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Did police jump the gun? Senior accused of assault will get his day in court

An 87-year-old man accused of assaulting London police officers will defend his actions in court.

Serge Zubko is scheduled for a June 23 trial after a July 22, 2013, incident that left him bloodied and bruised outside his home.

Police have said Zubko — who's charged with assaulting police and resisting arrest — was the aggressor when they responded to a call from a passerby who said an elderly woman told her a bad man was in her house.

After police knocked on Zubko's door and told him to go outside, he allegedly shoved his way past them when he became fearful for his wife, who he said has dementia.

"There was an attempt to resolve it and have the Crown withdraw the charges, but they refused, so we're going to spend the day in court," said Zubko's lawyer Phillip Millar.

Asked why Zubko wants his day in court, Millar said it's because he's been here since 1954 and never had one problem with the police.

"In July of last year, there was a knock on the door; he was told to go outside. He was concerned about the whereabouts of his wife. Police told him to stop. The next (thing) he knew he was on the ground and he was a criminal."

Millar accused police of jumping the gun and asking questions later.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Broadway in London

Be our guest, get tickets for Beauty and the Beast

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday for Disney's Beauty and the Beast at Budweiser Gardens. The musical, based on the film of the same name, is part of the Broadway in London series.

Tickets range from \$70 to \$80 plus service charges. They can be bought online at budweisergardens.com or by calling 866-455-2849.

You can pick them up at the Budweiser Gardens box office, Western Connections at Western University, Masonville Place guest services or the Fanshawe College Biz Booth. **METRO**

Minister of Agriculture

Agri-food on menu for Ritz's London event

The federal minister of agriculture is coming to London to share his first-hand knowledge of what the agri-food sector means for the area's economy.

Gerry Ritz will be at the Western Fair District's Carousel Room Wednesday for a London Chamber of Commerce event. Registration and breakfast start at 8:15 a.m., with the keynote address at 9 a.m.

Tickets are \$29 for chamber members and \$36 for non-members. **METRO**

Bowl for Kids Sake

Let's roll: Take to the lanes for fun and a good cause

Big Brothers Big Sisters of London and Area is gearing up for its Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser.

The bowling starts at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19, a night dedicated to corporations out for a little fun, and continues Feb. 23 at noon, 7 p.m. Feb. 25 and 7 p.m. Feb. 26. All events are at Palasid South at 141 Pine Valley Blvd., and proceeds will help the non-profit continue the mentoring services offered to more than 1,300 youths each year.

To register or to donate, visit **METRO**

Woodstock

Speedy, distracted drivers contribute to rise in accidents

Woodstock police are noting an uptick in car crashes this year: More than 190 have been reported since Jan. 1, compared to 138 for the same period last year.

Police say many were caused by distracted drivers and people driving too fast for road conditions.

More than 70 drivers have been charged, with careless driving and failing to stop for red lights topping the list. Injuries were reported in more than 20 cases, police said. **METRO**



Straight from the heart: Tracy Kelly lives in a world filled with hearts, whether it's Valentine's Day or not. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

A woman after her own heart

Beating a new path.

A chance discovery in Ireland takes London photographer's life in a new, heart-shaped direction



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"Follow your heart," says Tracy Kelly, and she does.

While the rest of us embrace the theme of hearts just

The heart knows

"I had to follow my heart and see where it took me."

Tracy Kelly, on her decision to sell everything and travel in Europe

for Valentine's Day, for this London photographer it's a way of life.

Kelly, along with her husband Gomer Robinson, runs Creativeheart, a business that's all about hearts, as a symbol and as a lifestyle guide.

It all began when Kelly, after a tough time that included difficulties with her mental health, sold everything she

owned and got on a plane in search of a new direction.

She headed for Ireland, where a chance discovery was to take her life in a new direction.

There, on a beach, she found a heart-shaped stone. Soon she was spotting hearts everywhere she went: in leaves, tree bark and items in stores.

"I took it as a message and thought, 'OK, follow your heart. Where is it going to take you?'" she said.

And she keeps seeing hearts — often grabbing her camera and capturing them to turn into prints for sale at the Western Fair Farmers' Market.

"For me, they're symbols," she said. "They're confirmations that I'm on the right path, and there's someone looking out for me and I'm loved."

Kelly and Robinson are at the market every Saturday with photography and art built around a heart-shaped theme.

And they call it Lonesome ... Territory

Anyone who's alone and feeling blue this Valentine's Day can take a little comfort in this.

You could be a lot worse off than being alone in London: You could be alone in Nunavut.

Software company SAP Canada has used its analytics software, Lumira, to find Canada's "loneliest" province.

It took data from the Canadian census and compared how many single people there are with the total popu-

lation of people older than the age of 15.

Nunavut, it said, is 46 per cent single. By contrast, the company said the most "loved up" province was Newfoundland, with 62 per cent of the population part of

a couple.

Of course, that assumes that single people are lonely and married people are "loved up." On Valentine's, of all days, it could be that single people are having the most fun. **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO**





Scotia Malone, 9, came to school in her Sochi shirt Thursday. She wants to be like Tessa Virtue when she grows up.
MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

They believe: Young Sharks cheer on their Olympic hero

Stoneybrook.

Tessa Virtue inspires kids at her old school in north London



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Canada's getting ready to cheer for ice dance Olympians Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue, but nobody's cheering louder than the Stoneybrook Sharks.

The kids at Stoneybrook Public School, where Virtue was a student, are fiercely proud of their connection with the Olympic dream.

"Stoneybrook believes," proclaims the display of pictures and flags created in the hallway by Grade 8 students.

And, even without the

giant board of newspaper cuttings and children's hopes, Tessa Virtue is remembered in the north London school. A plaque shows that she won the junior public speaking prize in 1999. On another wall she's pictured with her graduating class of 2003.

"I think they're wonderful skaters," said Scotia Malone, 9, who skates at Ilderton Skating Club, just like the defending Olympic gold medalists. "When I think of them it just makes me feel like I want to be one of them."

She's in the right place to achieve it, because Virtue was helped to her success by Stoneybrook Public School.

Special arrangements were made for her to arrive late and leave early so she could train in her sport.

Teacher Chris Rochford remembers Virtue as a stu-

Catch them dancing

- Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir take part in the ice dance short program at 10 a.m. EST on Sunday.
- They're skating again on Monday, also at 10 a.m., in the free dance.

dious girl with great values. He taught her in 2001, as a Grade 6 teacher, and speaks of her last day in his class.

"Tessa has the spirit and kindness to come back into the classroom after everybody had left and thank me for all that I had done for her," he said. "Her sincerity and kindness meant she never forgot anybody who had helped her and was involved in her life at that time."

School principal Cynthia Kneale, who's hoping Virtue will visit with another gold medal, added: "We're so proud of her at Stoneybrook that she was a Stoneybrook Shark."

Going for the Games

"When I grow up, I want to be an Olympian."

Scotia Malone, a student at Stoneybrook school

2014 city budget needs to start paying for arts centre, leader of venture says

It's time to plan ahead for London's new performing arts venue, a leading figure in the project says.

If you ask Murray Faulkner, the city needs to get started right now on its financial planning.

Faulkner, former London police chief and spokesman for new group Music London, is calling on the city to show leadership on the project, which also includes improvements at the Grand Theatre.

Council is now five meet-

ings into its difficult 2014 budget process, with two more to come. The necessary tax increase is sitting at 3.6 per cent, with cuts expected to come before a final vote on Feb. 27.

So Music London's request for \$16.7 million from the city came at a difficult time, but Faulkner said this budget needs to include a first instalment in the region of \$1 million to \$1.5 million if council wants the project to succeed.

Music London, he ex-

Price tag

\$164M

Total cost of proposed London performing arts centre.

plained, is "a combination of citizens, members of the board of Orchestra London and private developers and contractors."

Eventually, Faulkner said, it will be an incorporated en-

tity that exists to own the proposed new Celebration Centre.

The idea is to set it up as a foundation similar to the one that runs The Grand.

"No one seems to appreciate that all this has been volunteer time," he said. "This whole project should have been led by the city but no one seems to want to do it."

City staff is taking a look at the plans, which return to council members for discussion on Feb. 24.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Estimated \$100K in damages. Trio of siblings, dog escape house fire

Three people escaped without injuries after a fire broke out Thursday in the basement of a house at 63 Edgehill Cres., near Wonderland and Fanshawe Park roads.

Twin 21-year-old brothers were on the main floor watching the Team Canada hockey game in Sochi, when they smelled smoke. They alerted their older sister upstairs and the trio fled the house with the family dog while calling 911.

Firefighters arrived at about 2 p.m. to find smoke billowing

out the front door. They went down to the basement and encountered a "fairly intense fire," according to fire department spokesman Rick Jefferson.

The blaze was quickly knocked down, but fire, smoke and heat caused more than \$100,000 worth of damage, Jefferson said.

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Khurram Syed Sher, right, arrives with his lawyer Michael Edelson to face trial on a terrorism charge at the Ottawa courthouse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Transcript in terror trial in dispute

Court. Document of secret recording was revised at least three times, says Khurram Syed Sher's lawyer



JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

The Crown and defence in the Khurram Syed Sher terror trial clashed in court Thursday about the accuracy of an important transcript that an RCMP officer in the national security division relied on as evidence.

Sher, 31, a London doctor, has pleaded not guilty. He was arrested in 2010, as were two alleged co-conspirators in Ottawa. A court order prohibits their names from being published.

Det. Mireille Clement, who worked in the RCMP's Integrat-

ed National Security Enforcement Team at the time, reviewed and transcribed several police intercepts of Sher and the co-accused. Sher's Nissan car, his home and his home phone were probed by police, court heard.

The heart of the case lies with a secret recording of a conversation between the three suspects at one of their apartments in Ottawa on July 20, 2010, as well as the accompanying transcript.

Sher's lawyer, Michael Edelson, argued that if the Crown is asking the court to rely on the transcript, which was revised and translated at least three times in three years, the judge should know how Clement got to the final product.

"It is dangerous to rely on the transcripts because of the way they evolved, how they were prepared," argued Edelson. "There (were) three people in the room. The people who are actually there may have the best recollection as to what

was really said, as opposed to this detective."

Edelson spent most of the day poring over various changes made to the document. For instance, the phrase "build a bomb," attributed to Sher, was added in the first revision in 2010, but then it was removed in another, the court heard.

Clement attributed changes regarding the words and the speaker to improved computer technology at her office.

Crown prosecutor Jason Wakely argued if Edelson wants to attack the evidence, he should question Clement on the most current version of the transcript from January 2014.

"Her process has been attacked, but not the final product," said Wakely. "I would submit you have to confront the witness with what you say is wrong in the current version, the final version of the transcripts, because that's what matters."

The trial continues Friday.

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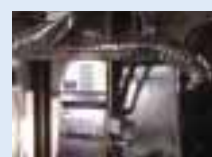
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New student leadership looking to build closer ties to London



Western University student council president Matt Hefland and vice-president, internal, Emily Addison. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Western University.
Team Hefland
victorious in student
council annual election



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It's difficult to hold Matt Hefland's attention if you walk beside him on the Western University campus.

The winner of this week's election to become president of the University Students' Council is a popular man. The handshakes, the hugs, the congratulations are everywhere.

But now the work starts, and it won't just happen on campus. Hefland, 22, along with vice-presidents Emily Addison and Jen Carter, are looking to London itself.

"One of the biggest things is

we're trying to focus heavily on the student program here on campus, ramping up the quality of entertainment and academic events that we put on," said Hefland. "But we also want to build relationships in the city, taking a look at municipal relations and stepping back from the federal and provincial focus that has dominated in the last few years."

What does that mean?

More time at city hall. More meetings with council members, local leaders and London organizations, working on issues that affect students and all Londoners.

Already, Carter is a member of the town and gown committee, which is the city of London's liaison with students and the educational sector.

Western and Fanshawe College students have also been added to other advisory committees at city hall.

Winning votes

3,792

Number of votes cast for Team Hefland, with the other slate, led by presidential hopeful Brian Belman, earning 1,933.

Turnout

5,725

The number of voters turning out. Last year, 7,843 people voted and the year before that there were 10,426.

Eligible voters

19.6%

Voter turnout of 29,120 eligible voters.

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Get your teeth into this: Mary Bunting-Mayo of the Goodah Gastro Truck had the idea for the grilled cheese Olympics. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

This idea is solid gold.

The Olympics are being marked in a different, more delicious way by a food truck downtown.

The Goodah Grilled Cheese Olympics have been launched by the owners of the food truck at 199 Queens Ave., and you can win a gold medal with a

cheesy idea.

"Grilled cheese is a wonderful comfort food and we can be so creative with it, so we wanted people to show their creative side," said Mary Bunting-Mayo of the Goodah Gastro Truck.

She wants people to suggest new grilled cheese recipes, showing creativity in their in-

gredients and name.

The truck's owners will choose gold-, silver- and bronze-medal winners, each with prizes, and the gold-medal sandwich will be the truck's special at the end of February.

For more information, visit facebook.com/goodahtruck.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Would you pay to be locked up?

They'll let you out ... eventually. Escape games force players to use wits to win freedom



KATE WEBB
Metro in Vancouver

If you've ever wanted to pay to be locked in a room from which you must complete puzzles to escape, then this new Richmond, B.C. game facility is for you.

EXIT has four themed rooms: The Lost Ship, Ancient Egypt, Prison Escape and Laboratory Escape. Groups of anywhere from two to six people have 45 minutes to figure out how to get out by using critical

thinking skills to solve challenges and riddles.

"It involves a lot of different skills to solve," said owner Justin Tang, who discovered the concept in his homeland of Hong Kong, where it is wildly popular.

"You need some basic math and you need teamwork, so it's not only thinking; it might be some action where you have to co-operate with a teammate."

The "real life escape room" business was inspired several years ago by "escape room" video games popularized in Japan, and has already taken off in the U.S., England, Switzerland, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand and Mainland China.

Swiss company Adventure Rooms has a similar facility in Kitchener, Ont.

Tang said business is boom-

ing and he has already had about 7,000 players come through since he opened in October.

"I've been in Canada for over 16 years, and I really think that, especially in British Columbia, we need more entertainment," he said, chuckling.

"I explored around the world and I found this idea, and I think that Canadians definitely enjoy this kind of experience, and so far what I've heard from my customers is positive."

Tang added he has already had franchise inquiries from San Francisco, Montreal and Toronto.

He has booked players as young as nine, but because of the sophistication of the game, he said it is recommended for ages 16 and up. The cost per game is \$22.99 per person plus GST.



Laboratory Escape is one of four theme rooms at EXIT, a "real life escape game" facility in Richmond, B.C. COURTESY EXIT CANADA

Facebook expands its gender identity choices

You don't have to be just male or female on Facebook anymore. The social media giant is adding a customizable option with about 50 different terms people can use to identify their gender as well as three preferred pronoun choices: him, her or them.

Facebook said the changes, set to launch on Thursday, initially cover the company's 159 million monthly users in the U.S. and are aimed at giving people more choices in how

they describe themselves, such as androgynous, bi-gender, intersex, gender fluid or transgender.

"There's going to be a lot of people for whom this is going to mean nothing, but for the few it does impact, it means the world," said Facebook software engineer Brielle Harrison, who worked on the project and is herself undergoing gender transition, from male to female.

Facebook staffers said the expanded options were never

questioned, from CEO Mark Zuckerberg on down.

"Really, there was no debate within Facebook about the social implications at all," said Alex Schultz, director of growth. "It was simple: Not allowing people to express something so fundamental is not really cool so we did something. Hopefully a more open and connected world will, by extension, make this a more understanding and tolerant world." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Cooking up a carnival

Workers set up a mannequin figure depicting the King of the Carnival during preparations on Thursday for the 130th Nice Carnival parade in Nice, France. The 130th Nice Carnival will celebrate the theme "King of gastronomy." **LIONEL CIRONNEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Newfoundland

Incorrect breast cancer test results

Nine patients in Newfoundland and Labrador had incorrect breast cancer test results, resulting in overly aggressive treatments for them, the province's largest health authority said Thursday. Eastern Health has launched an investigation to determine what caused the false results.

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Vancouver

Accused rioter denies assault

One of four men on trial for an alleged assault on a so-called Good Samaritan during Vancouver's Stanley Cup riot testified Thursday that he was only trying to pull away a friend, who had joined in on the beating, but wasn't involved himself.

Carlos Barahona Villeda is among a mob of people accused of attacking Robert MacKay, who tried to defend a store from looters.

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CSEC. Watchdog review clears spy agency's airport data experiment

A federal watchdog says Canada's electronic eavesdropping agency did not invade the online activities of Canadians during a controversial study of wireless communication at airports.

The independent body that monitors Communications Security Establishment Canada says the spy agency's effort wasn't about mass surveillance or the tracking of Canadians.

A CSEC document ob-

tained by CBC — originally leaked by former U.S. spy contractor Edward Snowden — suggested information was taken from an unidentified Canadian airport's free Wi-Fi system over a two-week period.

The CSEC watchdog says the effort was used by CSEC to understand global communication networks and was not directed at Canadians or people in Canada.

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Infrastructure. Cash to flow to both big cities and smaller towns: Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says a \$14-billion infrastructure fund will help out both big cities and smaller communities alike.

The cash from the New Building Canada Fund will be doled out to provinces and municipalities over the next decade starting this spring.

Harper says the framework to distribute the money has now been completed.

Nearly \$10 billion has been set aside for infrastruc-

ture and community projects in the provinces and territories — with \$1 billion of that earmarked for communities with populations under 100,000. Another \$4 billion is set aside for projects of "national significance."

Ottawa will contribute up to half the total cost of projects dealing with provincial highways and major roads as well as public transit, while pitching in one-third for others. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Russia

IOC presses Sochi organizers over jailed activist

The International Olympic Committee has asked Russian authorities to clarify why an activist who criticized the environmental impact

of Olympic construction in Sochi has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Yevgeny Vitishko was sentenced Wednesday for spray-painting a fence of a property in a forest where construction is banned.

Human Rights Watch urged the IOC to press Russian authorities to free him.

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Second Danish zoo might kill giraffe

Controversy. Zoo says animal threatens breeding program; online petition demands giraffe's life be spared

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

Death threats sent to Copenhagen Zoo, which last weekend killed a healthy giraffe named Marius and fed it to lions in front of a young audience, have not deterred another Danish zoo from the same course of action.

Jyllands Park Zoo is seeking a female giraffe that would replace one of its two males — a seven-year-old, also named Marius. The zoo claims the animal could not stay without threatening the breeding program, and would be difficult to re-house.

"If we are told we have to euthanize (the giraffe) we would of course do that," Jyllands Park zookeeper Janni Løjtved Poulsen told Denmark's TV2, adding that she was "completely behind" Copenhagen Zoo's decision.

An online petition demanding Jyllands Park "transfer (Marius) to alternative accommodation and spare his life" reached 4,000 signatures in a matter of hours.

A spokesman for animal welfare group PETA gave support for the campaign: "Zoos keep animals on display like living museum exhibits and



The carcass of Marius, a male giraffe, is eaten by lions after he was put down in Copenhagen Zoo on Sunday.

RASMUS FLINDT PEDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

dispose of them when they become inconvenient."

In both cases, the zoos have justified euthanizing the animals by saying the specific breed is not endangered, so not a conservation priority. Further, were they to keep the giraffes, inbreeding would

damage the health of the collective, zoo officials claim.

The explanation will not end the controversy. Just 13 per cent of animals in European zoos are considered endangered, and there are growing questions over whether zoos have a positive effect on

conservation efforts.

PETA is demanding that funding be transferred to conservation in the wild initiatives.

Jyllands Park would not confirm whether they would feed Marius to carnivores, as in Copenhagen.

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Snow, ice all over.

More than 750,000 homes and businesses without power

The latest storm to roll off nature's assembly line this winter spread heavy snow and sleet along the U.S. Northeast corridor Thursday, while utility crews in the ice-encrusted South laboured to restore power to hundreds of thousands of shivering residents.

The sloppy weather shuttered schools and businesses, grounded more than 6,000 flights on Thursday alone and created more back-breaking work for people along the East Coast, where shovelling has become a weekly chore — sometimes a twice-weekly one.

"Snow has become a four-letter word," said Tom McGarrigle, chairman of the Delaware County Council, in suburban



A bicyclist rides through a snowstorm in New York's Chinatown on Thursday. Snow and sleet covered the U.S. East Coast, from North Carolina to New England, just a day after sleet, snow and ice bombarded the Southeast. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philadelphia, where snow fell above the 15-cm mark for the fourth time this season, a first in the city's history. Baltimore

awoke to 38 centimetres of snow. Washington, D.C., had at least 20, shutting down federal offices and the city's two

main airports. New York City took nearly 25 centimetres. Parts of New Jersey had over 28. The Boston area was ex-

pecting 10 to 15, while inland Connecticut and Massachusetts were looking at 30 or more.

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Treacherous

At least 18 dead

At least 18 deaths, most of them in traffic accidents, were blamed on the storm as it made its way across the South and up the coast.

Among the victims was a pregnant woman who was struck and killed by a snowplow in New York City. Her baby was delivered in critical condition via cesarean section.

The dead also included a man hit by a falling tree limb in North Carolina and a truck driver in Ashburn, Va., who was working to clear snowy roads. He was standing behind his vehicle when he was hit by a dump truck.

RCMP search for Whistler's gondola stuntman



A screen grab from the YouTube video showing a man parachuting off the gondola at the Whistler ski resort. YOUTUBE

A dramatic YouTube video that shows a couple hooting and hollering in a gondola at the Whistler ski resort before the man leaps off and unfurls a parachute nearly half a kilometre above the valley has turned the jumper into both an Internet hit and a wanted man.

In the video, which by Thursday had been viewed more than 130,000 times, a young man dons a helmet cam and pries open a cabin hanging from the Peak 2 Peak gondola,

which connects Whistler and Blackcomb mountains.

He tells his female companion to videotape his leap — to which she responds with an enthusiastic "woo hoo!" — and climbs outside, the high-altitude winds blowing against the camera's microphone.

Then he jumps.

"I did it!" he screams after his red parachute opens.

"For you, McConkey!" he adds, in an apparent nod to professional skier and base jumper Shane McConkey, who

was killed during a stunt in Italy in 2009.

The man then lands in the snow, before pointing the camera at his face.

Now, police have arrested a 23-year-old woman and are looking for the jumper, believed to be a 25-year-old Ontario man now living in Vancouver.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Steve LeClair said police plan to recommend charges of mischief over \$5,000 against the man.

The woman was arrested on

Wednesday, after the video surfaced, and may face charges of obstruction of justice and mischief over \$5,000, said LeClair.

The gondola incurred more than \$10,000 in damage, said LeClair.

Wayne Wiltse, lift maintenance manager at Whistler Blackcomb, said the man may have hiked to the top of the sliding centre and skied out.

"They compromised the safety of the components, which is a huge concern to us," said Wiltse. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Goliath Comcast grows even larger with Time Warner

Comcast is creating a dominant force in American entertainment and presenting federal regulators with an equally outsized quandary: How should they handle a

conglomerate that promises to improve cable TV and Internet service to millions of homes but also consolidates unprecedented control?

Comcast, which was already the nation's No. 1 pay TV and Internet provider, says its \$45.2 billion US purchase of Time Warner Cable will provide faster, more reliable service to more customers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Global market

Drone market set to double by 2024

Military brass shopping at Asia's biggest defence expo this week have drones high on their to-buy list. But for U.S. manufacturers including General Atomics, which makes the Predator hunter-killer, there's one problem:

they can only sell to a few countries because of tight export restrictions.

The controls give rival drone makers from countries such as Israel and China a chance to win more business in the growing global market for unmanned aerial vehicles, which one group forecasts to more than double in the next decade.

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Lac-Mégantic victims aim to sue Ottawa

Quebec train disaster.

Class-action lawsuit has expanded, claiming government was 'grossly negligent' in oversight

First filed in July

The class-action was first registered in July and targets numerous defendants, including the MM&A, its chairman Ed Burkhardt, train driver Tom Harding and companies allegedly responsible for the crude oil on board the train.

Victims of the Lac-Mégantic train disaster aim to sue Ottawa for allegedly failing to prevent a railway with the poorest safety record in North America from shipping highly explosive cargo through their town.

A runaway train carrying crude oil derailed last summer and exploded in the centre of the Quebec community, killing 47 people and destroying part of the downtown core.

The lead lawyer for an existing class-action suit has now expanded the long list of defendants to include the Attorney General of Canada, which

delegates regulatory powers to the Canadian Transportation Agency and Transport Canada.

In the document, lead lawyer Daniel Larochelle alleges Transport Canada did not sufficiently sanction the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, even though the department was aware of the company's repeated violations, including train drivers allegedly failing to apply a sufficient number of brakes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Roses are red, violets are blue, your flowers go through customs on their way to you

A group of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials check imported flowers at Miami International Airport on Jan. 9. Before millions of Americans can present their loved ones with a bouquet of Valentine's Day roses, most of the flowers are flown from Colombia and Ecuador to Miami, many in the bellies of passenger planes. There, cargo handlers and customs agents — call them Cupid's helpers — ensure that the deep red petals stay perfect until they reach their final destination. In the weeks leading up to Valentine's Day, about 738 million flowers — 85 per cent of imported flowers — come through the Florida airport. Los Angeles is a distant second, with 44 million. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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MEDAL FOR MOST EMBARRASSING DAD

1 #GoCanadaGo. There's no greater story than three hot sisters representing our country at the Olympics. The fact that two of them beat everyone else was just a welcome bonus. To the Dufour-Lapointe family of Quebec, I say "Bravo!" because they deserve it, and also because it's the same word in French and I don't want to offend Pauline Marois.

2 What a luger. After finishing 22nd in men's luge, American Tucker West became talk of the tweets when his dad told the world he was single and shy. Moments later he had prom invitations, marriage proposals, and I imagine, some freaky propositions. Like I always suspected: Ladies love luge. #TeamTucker

3 American Idol. Fresh off their flights, contestants were assembled at an airport hangar outside LAX where some were asked to re-audition. Judges divided the group into one bus headed for the hotel, and another directly back to the airport.



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They could have done it before departure, but apparently once you tell someone they're going to Hollywood, you actually have to take them to Hollywood.

4 Playing ball. Missouri college football star Michael Sam declared his homosexuality and lit up every media possible. Some of the NFL's execs and coaches issued an "anonymous" statement to Sports Illustrated saying that they expect Sam's draft position to drop, and added "I don't think football is ready for an openly gay player yet." It's true, the NFL is not ready to handle the fact that those are their best players.

5 Bieb-wacked. Blake Griffin is the star power forward for the L.A. Clippers: 24 years-old, an all-star, rich, talented and possessing an inspirational work ethic. A hero. So when a false rumour circulated that Griffin intervened during a Justin Bieber meltdown at a Starbucks in West Hollywood, and slapped the young singer, it spread across

social media like wildfire. Why? Because so many of us wanted it to be true.

6 Polly-Wolly Doodle. The good ship lollipop sailed into the sunset this week when the world lost one of Hollywood's earliest movie megastars in Shirley Temple. Even more surprising was the outpouring of love from people of all ages who cited Temple as their inspiration. If there's a Twitter in heaven (and let's face it, there must be), then she would be very proud of her legacy. #RIP-Shirley

7 To my wifey. I'll just say this: Whatever anyone thinks of me, it would be much worse if I didn't have you. Happy Valentine's Day. If ever there were a time to let your significant other know how special he or she is, it's today. Gift, card, candy — as long as it comes from the heart. You can make an online proclamation of affection (or mention your special someone in a newspaper column) but beware that what you're really saying is, "I ain't spending no \$100 on flowers!"



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ZOOM

Ahead of the rest in Sochi

Hurtling headfirst down an icy track at 125 kilometres per hour without brakes takes skill. And thanks to their helmets, the Canadian Olympic skeleton team does it in style.



1. Sarah Reid, from Calgary, heads down the track wearing the face of a stylized corpse with a maple leaf backdrop. DITA ALANGKARA/THE CANADIAN PRESS



2. Eric Neilson of Kelowna, B.C., touches on the dark side with his demon head and piercing eyes. DITA ALANGKARA/THE CANADIAN PRESS



4. Mellisa Hollingsworth, a native of Eckville, Alta., dug into her love of sliding and horses with a horse skull design. DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES



3. John Fairbairn, from Calgary, has decorated his brain bucket with a glowing brain. DITA ALANGKARA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sarah Reid

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Eric Neilson

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Mellisa Hollingsworth

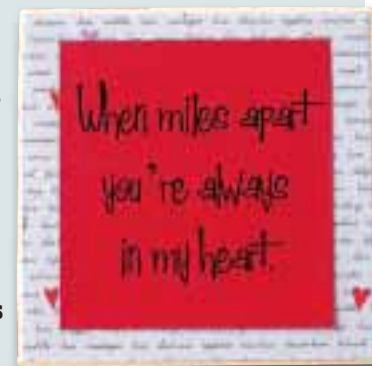
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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



It's a testament to Colin Farrell's charm that *Winter's Tale* doesn't completely fall flat. CONTRIBUTED

Lovers in a mystical time

Winter's Tale. The Reel Guys aren't buying this Colin-Farrell-fronted story of love, time travel and a flying horse

Richard: Mark, I am not a cold-hearted man. I like love stories as much as anyone and, as a fan of *Say Anything*, almost well up whenever I hear Peter Gabriel's *In Your Eyes*. But the sledgehammer romance of *Winter's Tale* left me feeling bruised rather than buoyed. The mix of metaphysical romance, magic realism and demonic revenge is a strange stew that worked well in the book by Mark Helprin but seems to have lost something in the translation to the screen.

I feel the sight of Colin Farrell flying above New York on a winged Pegasus is best left in the mind's eye.

Mark: Richard, sometime in the '80s, I was dating a girl who gave me a copy of the book, which she said was the "greatest novel of all time." I read about a third of it, tossed it on the floor, and subsequently broke up with her. So obviously the story, with its magic/tragic, hocus/pocus view of romance isn't for me. This is not a poorly made movie. It's lovely to look at, has some fine acting, and has a lot of good dialogue mixed in with the bad. But Richard, there's a magic horse in it. That horse will separate those who will be enthralled by the film from those who think it's embarrassing hokey. Guess which group I fall into?

RC: I'm with you on the Pegasus and it's a credit to the charm of Colin Farrell and Findlay that the romantic side of the tale comes alive at all. The first meeting between Peter and Beverly, over a cup of tea, is simple, effective and bristles with starry-eyed tension. More of that and less of the magic horse and I might have bought into the story. As it was I felt like I was strapped to a chair and force-fed all the Valentine's Day episodes of *Touched by an Angel*. What did you make of Russell Crowe? He seemed like he was having fun with his demonic gangster routine, but did it work for this movie?

MB: Yes, Crowe is one of the things in the movie that worked for me. It was the casting of his boss that was ridiculous, a preposterous cameo

that threw off the already precarious balance of the film. When he came onscreen, there was no turning back from its silliness. But even if I accept the movie on its own ridiculous terms, it still has a major problem. It's like a two act play, but the two halves don't cleave together. The second act, which happens in present day New York, feels rushed and arbitrary. At least the first act takes some time building characters and mood. What did you think of the female lead, Jessica Brown Findlay?

RC: She's beautiful, a little frail and doesn't get buried by the schmaltz. I thought she was nicely cast.

MB: As was William Hurt. Always nice to see him working again.

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Drama



Endless Love

Director. Shana Feste

Stars. Alex Pettyfer,
Gabriella Wilde

Alex Pettyfer and Gabriella Wilde star in *Endless Love*, the story of a privileged girl and a charismatic boy whose instant desire sparks a love affair made only more reckless by parents trying to keep them apart. *Endless Love* was inspired by the 1979 novel and 1981 film of the same name.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍅 30% + 89%

Comedy/Romance



About Last Night

Director. Steve Pink

Stars. Kevin Hart, Michael
Ealy, Regina Hall

A modern reimagining of the 1986 romantic comedy starring Rob Lowe and Demi Moore, this contemporary version closely follows new love for two couples as they journey from the bar to the bedroom and are eventually put to the test in the real world.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

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Films to remind us that life isn't all about love and roses

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It's Valentine's Day, which doesn't mean you need to torture yourself with a film affirming the power of love. Instead, snuggle up with one that speaks to the other extreme: that love can die.

Gone With the Wind (1939)
Deplorable ode to the South rising again or the artistic pinnacle of the Hollywood studio system? It's both — and it's also one of the great anti-romances. Shot down by Ashley Wilkes (Leslie Howard), Scarlett O'Hara (Vivien Leigh) instead toys with the affections of dashing ladies' man Rhett Butler (Clark Gable). After 3 ¾ hours of being jerked around, he's finally had enough. His weary kiss-off — "Frankly, Scarlett, I don't give a damn" — has been replayed



Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind. CONTRIBUTED

until it barely has any meaning, but it's truly one of the most badass eff-yous in the movies.

We Won't Grow Old Together (1972)

Best. Title. Ever. In Maurice Pialat's unforgiving, powerfully unsentimental drama, we see the last throes of the union between a miserable, fortysomething filmmaker (Jean Yanne) and his much younger girlfriend (Marlène Jobert, Eva Green's mom). Perhaps once he was alluring, but his career has stagnated

and he's become an emotionally abusive cad who's gotten too used to having an understanding, weak-willed paramour." (His "pet name" for her appears to be "rat.") It's an insightful examination of mutual neediness.

Modern Romance (1981)

Albert Brooks is Woody Allen if Woody Allen didn't love himself. The "Albert Brooks" character (at least early on) is a self-absorbed monster who targets mates the way a cat does a mouse. His second

directorial feature begins with Brooks' Hollywood editor breaking up with his girlfriend (Kathryn Harrold). He immediately regrets this, then spends half the movie trying to win her back. Once she relents, he instantly suspects her of infidelity. Though a comedy, and a very funny one, it's the darkest kind, one beloved by no less a warm-hearted soul than Stanley Kubrick.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

Oh, if we could erase the bad memories of a failed relationship, as Jim Carrey's sad sack does in Charlie Kaufman and Michel Gondry's manic breakup fantasy. Crippled after his relationship with free-spirit alkie Kate Winslet ends horribly, he finds that his solution only makes him long for the good times being zapped from his brain along with the bad.

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Remembering the twinkling Temple

Epitome of a child star. Shirley Temple's films were the stuff of escapist fantasy — here are some of her finest moments

Franklin Roosevelt once said: "As long as our country has Shirley Temple, we will be all right. When the spirit of the people is lower than at any other time during this Depression, it is a splendid thing that for just 15 cents, an American can go to a movie and look at the smiling face of a baby and forget his troubles."

As America's top box-office draw from 1935 to 1938, the tiny Temple gave the country some much needed escapism. Retired from movies by her early 20s, she was an early epitome of the child star, one who never fell into the kind of trouble that has haunted many young sensations

since. But whereas many child stars have appealed primarily to young audiences, Temple beguiled a largely adult movie-going nation with what film critic David Thomson called her "elfin perfection": "a phenomenon who had only to be observed for an audience to be held."

Here are some of the films that Temple shined in:

Bright Eyes (1934)

It's in this film that Temple gave perhaps her most beloved performance, singing On the Good Ship Lollipop down the aisle of an airplane. The rows of adoring men (and everyone else, for that matter) swoon at the cuteness. The movies don't always have to be complicated things.

The Little Colonel (1935)

Along with The Little Rebel, this was one of two films Temple made in 1935 with the tap-dancing great Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. (They also made two other

movies together.) They were a striking pair. Separated by race, decades in age and several feet in height, they were nevertheless a perfect match, particularly in their famous staircase dance sequence. The racial politics of The Little Colonel are by no means spotless (Robinson plays a broadly smiling servant), but Temple and Robinson's magical harmony in dance may have left a more powerful impression.

Curly Top (1935)

This film contained one of Temple's biggest hits, Animal Crackers in My Soup, in which she serenades her orphanage at mealtime, "I walk around like Noah's Ark/I stuff my tummy like a goop." The New York Times said of Curly Top: "So shameless is (the film) in its optimism, so grimly determined to be cheerful, that it ought to cause an epidemic of axe murders and grandmother beatings." But Temple, the review noted,

was irresistible, playing dramatic scenes "with the precision of a veteran actress." Though a child, Temple was often the best actor in her films.

Wee Willie Winkie (1937)

Long before John Ford teamed up with John Wayne, he (fresh off winning the best picture Academy Award with The Informant) directed the slightly more diminutive Temple in this film. Loosely based on a Rudyard Kipling short story, it's about a British regiment fighting rebels in India. Reviewing the film, novelist Graham Greene — so convinced by Temple's adult-like gestures — claimed she was just masquerading as a child. He suggested that Temple's adult admirers were responding to "her well-shaped and desirable little body, packed with enormous vitality." A subsequent lawsuit over the review bankrupted the magazine, Night and Day.

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Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35
Labor Day (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
The LEGO Movie (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:30-7-9:20
The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-7:05-9:40
RoboCop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-7:10-9:45
That Awkward Moment (14A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:25
Winter's Tale (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:25-6:55-9:30

Western Film Room 340, UCC Building, Argo (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
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Make it a subterfuge Valentine's

House of Cards is back. Kevin Spacey returns as a depraved soon-to-be VP

"Did you think I'd forgotten you?" asks Francis Underwood, addressing us viewers near the end of the second-season House of Cards debut. Then he roguishly adds, "Perhaps you hoped I had."

As if!

Portrayed by series star Kevin Spacey, Underwood, the soon-to-be-sworn-in vice-president, has a delicious way of conspiring with the audience in his Beltway depravity: A sly aside, a knowing roll of his eyes, a caustic pronouncement shared only with us.

Though many of the first-season batch of episodes are sparked with Underwood's in-our-face declarations, he keeps his own counsel until late in this second-season kickoff.

"There is but one rule," he reminds us in its final moments — "hunt or be hunted."

Happily for us, another 12 new episodes keep Underwood on the hunt as Netflix releases the full second season on its website Friday.

Set in Washington in the current day, House of Cards is a loose reinvention of the 1990s British political thriller of the same name.

It premiered a year ago and instantly established Netflix as a bold new contender in the world of original video, stealing thunder from such august cable networks as HBO and AMC while landing the first major Emmy nominations for a streaming video series.

In short, this Cards game was a game changer, forcing viewers (and the industry) to think outside the box: The box known as TV.

Now Underwood, formerly a ranking U.S. congressman, has plotted his way into the vice presidency. But there's no hint he's satisfied with that lofty perch, if the first four hours made available for preview are any indication. Even as he faces growing threats that could lead to his downfall, he's driven to climb higher, whatever it takes.

"That's the interesting thing about Francis: He has no allegiance, not even to a party," says Spacey with an admiring laugh.

Actually, Underwood does seem to have a precious pair of allegiances: To his own accumulation of power and to his wife, Claire, his loyal partner-in-crime, played by Robin Wright (who last month won a Golden Globe for her performance).

Last season, Underwood memorably stated that he loves his wife "more than a shark loves blood." As he navigates the political world, and taps into the underworld, his collusion with Claire is one of the series' most fascinating elements.

Interviewed last week, Spacey is natty in a blue pin-stripe suit, open-collar shirt and swank olive green oxfords. At 54, he looks younger and more easygoing than Underwood, who, despite unflagging Southern charm and boundless energy, seems weathered by the pressures of his job and his insatiable ambition.

"There is so much I don't know about Francis, so much that I'm learning," says Spacey, clearly pleased to be granted even more time to explore him: Netflix recently announced plans for a third season.

"I've always thought that the profession closest to that of an actor is being a detective," he goes on. "We are given clues by writers, sometimes clues they're aware of and sometimes not. Then you lay them all out and try to make them come alive as a character who's complex and surprising, maybe even to yourself."

Since 2003, Spacey has focused on stage work as the artistic director of London's Old Vic Theatre, which has only reinforced for him a central tenet of his craft: "The primary function of an actor is to serve the writer, not ourselves," he says. "If you serve the writing, you will be in the right place."

"I absolutely know that without the work I've done at the Old Vic," says Spacey, "I wouldn't have been ready to do Francis Underwood."

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The second season of House of Cards premieres Feb. 14 on Netflix. CONTRIBUTED

Writing comes first

"I love the fact that the new season is coming out on Valentine's Day ... I think their relationship is incredibly romantic."

Kevin Spacey

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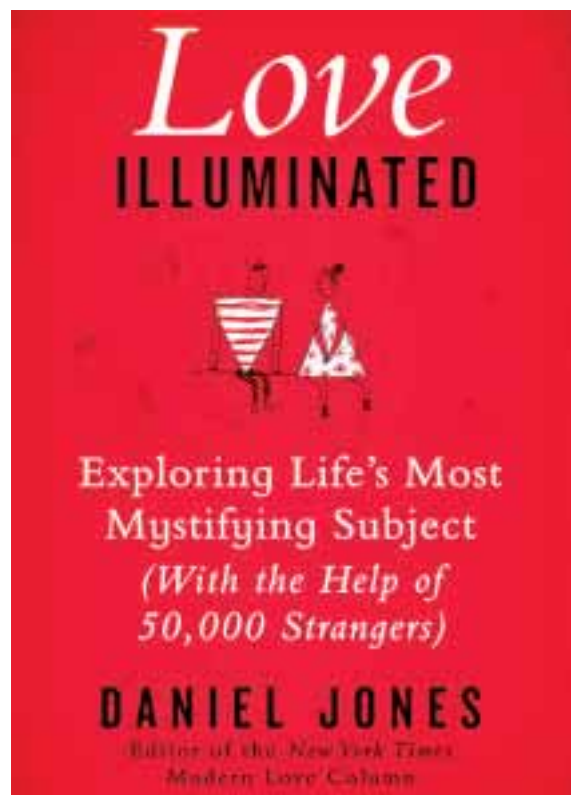
Ever since the New York Times started its Modern Love column nearly 10 years ago, editor Daniel Jones has been inundated with love stories. From the unbelievably romantic to the flat-out unusual, he's pretty much seen it all.

Though he says he doesn't have all the answers to love's big questions, Jones has learned a thing or two about the subject, which he's sharing in his new book, *Love Illuminated*.

In honour of Valentine's Day, we called up Jones and got him to share some of the biggest love lessons he's learned after reading the roughly 50,000 love stories that have landed in his inbox.

If the idea of dating overwhelms you, get offline

"There's this belief that the more people you meet or go out with, the more chance you have of finding that one



special person," Jones says.

"But from what I've seen, people have much better luck starting with a small group instead of searching for that perfect person with-

in dozens and dozens."

Jones tells us that even with the popularity of online dating, people are still falling in love the same way they did in the past: by meet-



Love Illuminated author Daniel Jones. COURTESY PHOEBE JONES

ing potential dates through friends, work or hobbies.

"Less is more," he says. "Go on a trip with a small group of people or join a club based on your interests."

If whenever you meet someone great you still have the sneaking suspicion that someone even better is out there, Jones again makes the case against online dating.

"Everything about online dating is encouraging you to seek perfection in someone. ... Someone you fall for in real life may be the least likely person you'd choose if

Step away from the computer

"Sharing your deepest emotions online just feels so close, but it's not."

Modern Love column editor Daniel Jones

you saw him or her online," he says.

Recognize the difference between a sign and a coincidence

One thing Jones has noticed is that even though finding love is getting more mathematical and scientific, people are grasping onto signs of fate more than ever.

So how do you know if something is truly a "sign" that you've found the perfect person?

"A sign is meaningful if it says something about you or what you want in a relationship," Jones says.

Sharing the same birthday or having a random friend in common doesn't say anything about you; it's just a coincidence.

There's no substitute for physical chemistry

Thousands of people have written to Jones about falling in love online before meeting in person. While not doubting the very strong emotional bonds made, he warns it doesn't always

translate into physical chemistry, even when you expect it to.

"Sharing your deepest emotions online just feels so close, but it's not," he says.

"It's a controlled relationship that only exists in one narrow area. A real relationship involves the whole person."

Fragmented relationships can be fulfilling... but not forever

"In the dating world, it's easy to break yourself up into pieces and have sex with someone without caring about that person and then have a really deep connection with someone you don't have sex with," Jones says.

And it isn't always a bad thing; it just shows you aren't ready to be in a full relationship.

"When you're in school, in your first job or your 20s, not everyone wants the responsibility of a full relationship," he explains.

But if you do want the real thing, you have to give it your all.

Watch this series, you will: Yoda joins Netflix

Netflix's Internet video service is coming to the rescue of Star Wars fans left in limbo by the abrupt cancellation of *The Clone Wars*, an animated television series that embellishes the lore of the Jedi Order and Sith Lords.

The sixth and final season of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* will be shown exclusively to Netflix subscribers in the U.S. and Canada beginning March 7 as part of a licensing deal announced Thursday.

The Los Gatos, Calif., company has already pledged to spend about \$3 billion this year on licensing video as it tries to expand its audience of 48 million worldwide subscribers.

A significant chunk of that money is being earmarked for video that can

only be seen on Netflix. One of the company's most popular exclusives, the Emmy-award winning political drama *House of Cards*, returns for its second season on Friday.

The resurrection of *The Clone Wars* will finish the story that was still unresolved when Time Warner Inc.'s Cartoon Network cancelled the series following the fifth season. Cartoon Network dropped the series after Time Warner rival Walt Disney Co. bought the *Star Wars* franchise as part of its 2012 acquisition of Lucasfilm.

Besides showing all 13 episodes of the sixth season, Netflix's video-streaming service gained the exclusive rights to the director's cut

of previous seasons of *The Clone Wars*.

Netflix is emerging as a popular alternative for TV series cancelled by broadcast and cable networks. The company revived the critically acclaimed comedy *Arrested Development* last year and plans to bring back the mystery *The Killing*.

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Rebel Alliance

- Disney has also struck an agreement with Netflix that allows the Internet video service to show the next wave of *Star Wars* movies shortly after they leave theatres. That deal begins in 2016.



The ever-wise and mysterious Yoda in an episode from the sixth season of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, which will be shown exclusively to Netflix subscribers in the U.S. and Canada beginning March 7. NETFLIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Colin Farrell ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Afternoon delight not so delightful for Farrell since jumping on the wagon

Colin Farrell admits adjusting to a life of sobriety eight years ago was a bit daunting. "I was worried I wouldn't be able to talk, full stop," he tells Elle magazine. "I hadn't uttered a word sober in about 15 years." But that wasn't all he was worried about tackling without the help of a drink. "I made love to a woman about two and a half

years after I got clean, and it was one of the most terrifying moments of my life," he says. "It was in the afternoon. The windows and the curtains were open. It was lovely and, to be crass, it wasn't f—ing. She was very gentle. But it was terrifying. Because I was just used to drunkenness and dark rooms and clubs and toilets and wherever."



Lil' Kim

No slowing down and no dad revealed as Lil' Kim shows off lil' bump

Look out, world. Lil' Kim is going to be a mom. The notorious rapper debuted a growing baby bump at The Blonds' Fashion Week after-party in New York earlier this week, telling Us Weekly, "I'm so excited. I'm a few months along. I can't wait to

be a mom!" Kim is keeping the father's identity under wraps for now, and she has no plans of slowing down. "I'm still going to work," she says. "I'm still going to be hardcore. The baby has made me even more of a beast."

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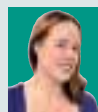
Jerry O'Connell

SORRY, Shia, but O'Connell likes to wear the paper bag of publicity on his head too

Shia LaBeouf has some competition. While the beleaguered Nymphomaniac star continues his #IAMSORRY performance art stunt at a Los Angeles gallery space — sitting across a table from patrons one at a time and silently weeping with a paper bag over his head — actor Jerry O'Connell set up camp in the space next door to do nearly the exact same thing. O'Connell's #IAMSORRYTOO, mounted for one day only on Wednesday, featured the former Sliders star also with a paper bag on his head but in a much better and more talkative mood. According to various attendees, O'Connell

apologized for "not being able to keep a show on network television" and for what he feeds his kids. He also offered bites of his sandwich. O'Connell's stunt, as it turns out, was for a Funny or Die video lampooning LaBeouf's efforts. While LaBeouf's paper bag has "I am not famous" scrawled on it, O'Connell's boasts the words "Super famous." LaBeouf can't be too mad about it, though, since so much of this hubbub is due to his own penchant for copying other people's work. LaBeouf is scheduled to continue his sitting and apologizing through Sunday.

Rolling Stone's Hoffman cover swap brings out the worst in 'disgusted' Drake



THE WORD
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Fabulous wouldn't say some s— like that," he supposedly said, which the mag then printed. Drake took to Twitter to recant the line. "I never commented on Yeezus for my interview portion of Rolling Stone," he wrote. "They also took my cover from me last minute and ran the issue."

Regarding the "took my cover" mention — that's media speak for Drake being promised the cover in exchange for the interview.

Drake has a little problem with Rolling Stone. The rapper has now sworn off magazine interviews after he claims the Rolling Stone tossed his cover for the late Philip Seymour Hoffman for this month's issue — and misquoted him regarding his "mentor" Kanye West's Yeezus" album.

"There were some real questionable bars on there. Like that Swagghili line? Come on, man. Even

He was apparently then bumped by the editors for Hoffman. "I'm disgusted with that. RIP to Phillip Seymour Hoffman. All respect due. But the press is evil," he wrote (it should be noted that all of Drake's tweets have since been deleted). "I'm done doing interviews for magazines. I just want to give my music to the people. That's the only way my message gets across accurately." That, or Twitter.

Twitter



@josswhedon

If I were God I'd end suffering & violence but first a run of FLAWLESS tweets, funny/topical — inspiring but not preachy, just great #tweets



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Pithy thought: it is possible when all is said and done — it isn't.

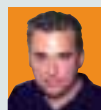


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The last time I had a website I believe I described myself as a "rabble rouser" and blogged exclusively about cake, so that's upsetting

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The grape love affair



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Happy Valentine's Day!

After Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter, today is the biggest wine buying day of the year. And it should be. Short of keys to a new car, there's no better way to show your love than from the inside of a glass.

It's a holiday to toot the horn of sparkling wines. Not only do they pair well with

everything, they taste sublime all by their lonesome.

Pink versions really speak to Valentine's Day, with France's Louis Bouillot "Perle d'Aurore" Crémant de Bourgogne Rosé (\$19.99 - \$28.29) a non-vintage, Burgundy-based fizzy that takes its production and grape

blend cues from the champagne region.

Its soft, red berry flavours and delicate, crushed raspberry aromatics are a burst of summertime that will warm the winter-ravaged heart of your special someone.

If you're having a love affair with the Olympics

this month, crack a Molson Canadian Victory Bottle (625 ml, \$4.20 - \$4.95). It's a limited edition inspired by the three litre versions given to Canadian athletes during the 2010 games in Vancouver.

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Looking for a new and unique take on a savoury Asian classic? Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how as we wrap up Metro's sweet week with recipes from her cookbook *Fast, Fresh, Simple*.



Dinner For Two

Chicken with Haloumi and Honey

- 2 x 200 g chicken breast fillets, trimmed
- 150 g haloumi, cut into 4 slices
- 1 tbsp shredded lemon zest
- 6 sprigs lemon thyme
- 1 tbsp each olive oil
- 1 tbsp honey
- fig and arugula salad, to serve

1. Preheat the oven to 180 C (350 F).

2. Place the chicken, haloumi, zest and lemon thyme in a ceramic baking dish. Combine the oil and honey and pour over.

3. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

4. Serve with a fig and arugula salad. **DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM**



FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE
Donna Hay
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1. Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F).

2. Brush the edges of the wonton wrappers with a little butter and place a chocolate square on one half of each wrapper. Fold over the wrappers to enclose and press to seal.

3. Place on a baking tray

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Australian chef Donna Hay is one of the great culinary masters airing on GustoTV. One of Canada's newest TV channels, Gusto features cooking and culinary travel shows each night, hosted by chefs and foodies from around the world, as well as here at home. For more details, check your local listings or visit GustoTV.com.



This recipe serves four. BOTH PHOTOS DONNA HAY

lined with non-stick baking paper. Brush wontons with butter and sprinkle with combined cinnamon and sugar.

Ingredients

- 16 wonton wrappers
- 40 g butter, melted

- 16 small squares (120 g) dark chocolate

- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp caster (superfine) sugar

4. Bake for 8 minutes or until golden. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE MONDAY TO THURSDAY AT 6 P.M. EST ON GUSTO**

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Seek adventure in the great outdoors

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Chilly as the fresh air is this February, nothing beats gathering up the family for a bit of al fresco fun. So grab your coat and get your hat. Let the flurries and falling temperatures inspire you to seek joy and adventure in the great outdoors.

Play along with the world's six million other geocachers who engage in this outdoor game of hide and seek that is driven by GPS-enabled devices. A geocache is a small waterproof container that holds a logbook and small trinkets. Geocachers hide them in a wide variety of outdoor locations all over the world and participants use co-ordinates posted on the Internet to help them find the cache.

Visit a maple syrup farm. Experience nature's bounty along the trail of a sugar



Build a snowman or snowwoman to spend time with your family and friends. GORILLAIMAGES/SHUTTERSTOCK

bush. Or take a horse-drawn ride among the maples. See how maple syrup is tapped. Dine on pancakes and syrup and capture that sense of good old-fashioned fun.

Skate on a natural outdoor ice rink. That's an experience everyone should have at least once in their lives. Live near a pond, canal or creek? Consider one of the best fresh-air

exercises winter has to offer. Grab a puck and a hockey stick and turn your family fun into a game of shinny.

Try snowshoeing. Think of this as hiking in the snow. Hear the crunch as your family stomps over snow-covered ground decked out in oversized snowshoes attached to your soles. Poles offer added support. This is great exercise for anyone who can walk.

Let the Sochi Winter Olympics inspire you as you take the family snowboarding or skiing. Purchase medals from a dollar store to reward everything from best athlete and worst fall to most gracious non-complainer. The snow-covered slopes and hills await.

Build a snowwoman. Make hair out of branches or crown with a beret or tiara. Hang cherries for earrings. Shape curves at the waist and hips and don't forget the lipstick — big bright slices of orange.



Skating is one of the best fresh-air exercises winter has to offer.

ALEKSEI POTOV/SHUTTERSTOCK

Put your imagination to the test

If you are inclined to spend your Family Day indoors, put your imagination to the test and aim for high drama and memorable escapades.

Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

Introduce your little Monets to the world of art. Let them view sculptures, oil paintings and water colours up close and personal at your local art gallery. Even if you are in a small city or town, many municipal buildings such as libraries house art displays from area artists or students. Don't forget your magnifying glass.

Get cooking. This is perfect for all ages. Make ice cream from snow. Learn how to roll sushi. Or bake cupcakes you can decorate. Being in the kitchen with your children is a great way to connect and learn about each other.

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Playoff scenarios abound in London

NBL Canada. Lightning's goal is to secure home-court advantage for first-round



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London Lightning played a shorthanded Ottawa Skyhawks team at the Budweiser Gardens on Thursday night.

But they can be forgiven if their minds were on the second-place Brampton A's.

That's just the way the playoff cookie crumbles.

Despite their fifth straight loss, this one a 112-102 decision to the fourth-place Skyhawks, London has virtually secured third in the five-team Central Conference with only five games remaining. But they will need to win their remaining games with the A's and get a little help to move into second. The Skyhawks, meanwhile, should they remain in fourth, will play a one-game, play-in game against the last-place Mississauga Power for the right to play against first-place Windsor Express in the division semi-finals.

Lightning general manager Taylor Brown isn't conceding anything to Brampton. Windsor, yes; Brampton, no.

"The odds are we're not going to catch Windsor, so now the whole goal now is to try and get home court on Brampton," Brown said. "We play (the A's) two more times, they play Windsor three



London's Stephen McDowell drives to the basket as the Lightning face the Ottawa SkyHawks on Thursday at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

On Thursday

112

Skyhawks

102

Lightning

more times, so we still have a chance to get second and that is the game plan."

The playoffs work like this: Windsor, assuming it finishes on top, will play the Ottawa/Mississauga winner and Lon-

don and Brampton will each play a best-of-five series. Winners then meet in a best-of-seven to decide who plays the Atlantic Conference champ in a best-of-seven final.

"I think we match up well against Brampton. They're a good team, they're well coached. And it's going to be a battle all the way through. We've got to beat every team to get into the finals anyway," Brown said.

Does Brown like the new playoff setup, which includes an extra round and more games?

"Yes, it's OK. It's an interesting question because there's always the argument that there's better teams in this side than there is out East. And vice versa. But it is what it is. It saves on travel cost, I guess, and hopefully the best team wins."

Mike Rose and Justin Tubbs scored 18 points each to lead the Skyhawks, who were 15-25, from three-point land. Tony Bennett had 29 for London. The same two teams meet again Saturday in Ottawa. London plays Monday at home against the A's at 2 p.m.

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Knights travel to face Sting

The London Knights, playing Thursday on the road in Sarnia, are facing the Sting again Friday at Budweiser Gardens. Game time is 7:30 p.m. They play again Monday in Oshawa and Tuesday in Windsor.

Check metronews.ca for results from Thursday's game and coverage over the weekend. **METRO**

CFL

Butler coming closer to home to join Tiger-Cats

Craig Butler swears he won't be showing off his Grey Cup ring in the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' dressing room.

But the Canadian defensive back, who signed a three-year contract with Hamilton after spending his first three CFL seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, promises he'll bring his winning attitude to a team he feels is already on a roll.

"I want to bring some leadership to the team," said the 25-year-old native of London and former Western Ontario Mustangs star.

It's probably best to keep the ring under wraps. It would only rub salt in a wound after Hamilton lost the championship game 45-23 to the Roughriders.

Butler was a big part of their success. He led the Grey Cup champions last season with 60 tackles and also had four interceptions and is happy to list his strengths.

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with Micheal Ray Richardson

Get the inside track on the London Lightning as Metro's Dave Langford chats with coach and former NBA star Micheal Ray, every Wednesday at metronews.ca





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Canada shrugs off nerves

Men's hockey. Canucks overcome early jitters to dominate Norway

Several minutes after Norway took the ice for its pre-game warm-up on Thursday, pucks still hadn't arrived. Players skated or just stood around waiting.

It turned out to be a preview of the second period, when Team Canada found its groove after a slow start and simply dominated the Norwegians on its way to a 3-1 victory in its opening game of the Olympic men's hockey tournament.

It was a stark contrast from Canada's scoreless, sluggish first period, which players attributed to nerves more than any technical adjustments.

Mentally, though, it was like a switch got flipped.

"You're playing your first game and everyone's probably thinking about where they need to be and systems — probably a thousand things going through their minds," captain Sidney Crosby said. "I think just once we settled in and realized how we play and how we need to play, we started to get some good results."

Canada, which got goals from Shea Weber and Jamie Benn during the second and one from Drew Doughty later to provide insurance, was tenuous at best and sloppy at worst early on. Being unsure of the big ice, of new teammates, of unfamiliar opponents, led to pucks hopping over sticks



Canada's Corey Perry attempts a shot from the side of the net against Norway goalie Lars Haugen on Thursday in Sochi, Russia. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

Preliminary round

3

Canada

1

Norway

and players going offside at inopportune times.

Getting quality shots wasn't possible because the puck wasn't getting into prime scor-

ing areas.

"I thought in the first period we didn't execute as well as we'd like," coach Mike Babcock said. "I thought we tried hard, didn't execute."

Babcock-coached teams are all about detail-oriented execution. When that was lacking, Norway was able to use tight, five-man units to frustrate the Canadians and keep them off the scoreboard.

Some of the credit has to go to Norway, but the proof of Canada's control over this

Quoted

"Any time you're playing with a new group, there's going to be a little bit of a feeling-out period there."

Team Canada defenceman Alex Pietrangelo

game came almost immediately after the first intermission. Suddenly the puck was only in the offensive zone, and it looked like the NHL stars were toying with inferior competition.

"We probably calmed

down, played our game a little more, kept pucks in, hunted really good, put pucks on net and went there — found rebounds, second chances and really controlled the puck, controlled the pace," winger Chris Kunitz said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

USA 7, Slovakia 1

Kessel keeps up his strong play

Phil Kessel had a goal and two assists while his Maple Leafs teammate James van Riemsdyk contributed two assists to lead the Americans over Slovakia.

Russia 5, Slovenia 2

Russian stars deliver the goods

The biggest names in Russian hockey — Alex Ovechkin, Evgeni Malkin and Ilya Kovalchuk — delivered goals for the hosts, to the delight of the Sochi crowd in its win over Slovenia.

Finland 8, Austria 4

Finns finding back of net easily

Finland — Canada's biggest rival in the four-team Group B — got off to a winning start behind two goals apiece from Mikael Granlund and Jarkko Immonen.

Zetterberg ailing

Sweden's captain doubtful for Friday

Swedish captain Henrik Zetterberg was battling a herniated disc and was listed as doubtful for Friday's game against Switzerland.

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Thrill of the chase inspires Chan



Patrick Chan gestures as he waits for his results after the men's short program competition in Sochi on Thursday. IVAN SEKRETAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Figure Skating. Three-time world champ trails Japan's '100-point phenom'

As the most dominant skater on the planet for the past three years, Patrick Chan has been peering over his shoulder, skating with a target on his back that had grown increasingly heavy.

Canada's three-time world champion goes into the Friday's long program at the Sochi Olympics in second place, looking at someone else's back for a change — and it's a position the Toronto skater doesn't mind at all.

"I like being in second, I like being in the chase. It's exciting," Chan said afterward — sounding more relaxed

post-competition than he has in awhile.

Yuzuru Hanyu — a 19-year-old Japanese phenom who lives and trains in Toronto — won the short program with a whopping world-record 101.45 points, making him the first man in history to break the 100-point barrier.

The 23-year-old Chan, who's gunning for Canada's first-ever Olympic gold in men's singles, scored 97.52, landing a beautiful quadruple toe loop-triple toe loop combination to open the program. But he slightly over-rotated a triple Axel that was so big it got away from him.

Chan is well ahead of third-place Javier Fernandez of Spain (86.98), setting up virtually a two-man race Friday for gold.

It was a rough night for Canada's other two skaters.

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., was 17th in the short program after falling twice. Liam Firus of North Vancouver, B.C., was 28th and didn't qualify for the long program.

Chan's night, by comparison, wasn't nearly so dramatic. He felt relieved he didn't fall on his triple Axel, saying he could tell when he looked on the replay that he "had way more height than normal."

But Chan's performance was otherwise flawless.

Chan has been No. 1 in the world since winning the 2011 world championship in Moscow by a margin so wide it was like he was skating in a one-man field. But through two more world titles, the margin of victory had narrowed, and the pressure on the Canadian increased.

And in December, the upstart Hanyu topped the Canadian at the Grand Prix Final — Chan's first loss against a full international field in three years.

When asked if Hanyu will feel the weight of a target, Chan said: "Absolutely."

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Figure skating

Back injury forces Plushenko's exit

Evgeni Plushenko withdrew for medical reasons Thursday from the men's figure skating competition at the Sochi Olympics.

The four-time medallist fell on a triple Axel during warmups for the short program and immediately grabbed his back. He attempted another Axel, botched it, and then skated to the event referee and withdrew.

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Points for persistence

Abbott goes down but not out

American champion Jeremy Abbott crashed hard on his back on his quad, sliding into the protective padding around the boards. He stayed down for several moments before getting back on his feet and finishing his program as the crowd cheered him on. He was 15th. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sizing up his new rival

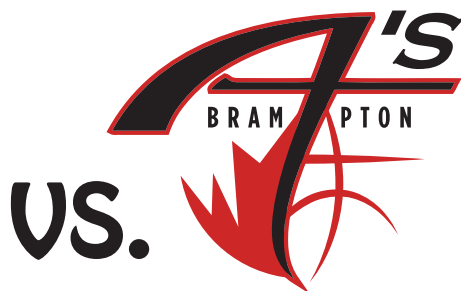
"Yuzuru has a target that he's not used to having. And at the Olympics the target is double in size."

Canadian Olympian Patrick Chan explains why it will be difficult for his opponent to prevail

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Nesbitt left looking up at the podium in gold-medal defence

Speedskating. London athlete entered Sochi without any medals from World Cup season

Christine Nesbitt finished far off the Olympic podium Thursday in a race she once dominated. It was a disappointing chapter in a frustrating season for the Canadian speedskater.

The 26-year-old from London, Ont., finished ninth in the 1,000 metres at Adler Arena after winning Olympic gold in the distance four years ago.

The opposing skater in Nesbitt's pairing, China's Zhang Hong, won gold for her country's first long-track medal. Zhang's time of one minute 14.02 seconds was almost seven-tenths quicker



Christine Nesbitt of London, Ont.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

than the field.

Ireen Wust of the Netherlands was .67 seconds back and teammate Margot Boer .87 behind for silver and bronze respectively to bring the number of Dutch speedskating medals

to a dozen.

It was more hope than expectation Nesbitt would stand on the podium again in Sochi, because she hadn't won a medal this World Cup season.

"It's been such a crappy season, excuse my language, and every time I feel like I'm getting better something's happened or I haven't quite figured something out," Nesbitt said.

Post-2010, Nesbitt earned multiple World Cup titles and set a world record of 1:12.68 in January, 2012.

So when she opened her season at home in November more than two seconds off that time, Nesbitt looked bewildered.

"I don't really want to talk about it," Nesbitt said after the 1,000 metre. "I still have the 1,500 in a few days and the team pursuit coming up."

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Canadian men stumble in semifinal

Francois Hamelin of Canada, left, crashes out in a men's 5,000-metre short track speedskating relay semifinal at the Iceberg Skating Palace on Thursday in Sochi. The Canadian men won't be defending their gold medal in the event after finishing fourth. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Medal count

Canada loses some momentum in Sochi

Shut out of the medals Thursday, other countries caught and passed Canada at the

2014 Winter Games.

It was the first day Canada didn't win at least one medal.

With just one in the last two days, the Canadian team stalled at 10 and was tied with Germany.

Russia leapfrogged Canada

to 11, and the United States and the Netherlands jumped ahead to 12. Norway remained the frontrunner at 13.

Canada's goal is to top the overall medal count in Sochi after finishing third with 26 in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brad rebuilding his reputation as a winner

Curling. Canada back above .500 after shaky start in Russia

Brad Jacobs' rink continued its comeback at the Olympic curling competition Thursday, defeating Denmark 7-6 to improve to 3-2.

After back-to-back losses to Switzerland and Sweden, the Canadian men righted themselves with wins over Russia and Denmark.

"I think we're back on track," said Canadian lead Ryan Harnden. "We're still not playing to the best of our abilities, but we're getting there. We'll build off this one and just move on to tomorrow."

"We're getting better," added Jacobs. "I really think we played really well in the last four games. We're learning



Canada's skip Brad Jacobs delivers the rock while Ryan Harnden, left, and E.J. Harnden sweep against Denmark on Thursday. WONG MAYE-E/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

each and every game and we're bringing a lot more intensity out there, which is what we need to do."

The Danes led 2-1 after three ends before Canada scored two in the fourth and sixth — with the Danes scoring one in the

fifth — to lead 5-3. Danish skip Rasmus Stjerne pulled one back in the seventh to cut the deficit to 5-4 but Jacobs responded in

Dominant Canuck



"I don't know if we are making it look easy but we are coming out, playing well and making the big shots when we have to."

Canada's Jennifer Jones who beat Denmark and Switzerland Thursday to improve to 5-0.

the eighth to make it 6-4.

A two by Denmark (2-3) sent it tied at 6-6 into the 10th.

Canadian third Ryan Fry cleared two guards and Danish counterpart Johnny Frederiksen hogged his attempt to place a guard. Stjerne sent his last shot through the house, setting the scene for Jacobs to draw for the winning point.

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Anna Sidorova

Russia's newest Tweetheart

Curling continues to be the most tweeted sport at the Olympics.

Russia has Anna Sidorova competing for the host nation; Sidorova has become one of the sex symbols of the Sochi Games.

Sidorova has become a bit of an international celebrity after posing in a racy — teddy, thigh-high stockings and heels — picture.

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Bobsled. Track worker hit during training run

An Olympic track worker struck by a bobsled suffered a broken leg and "maybe a concussion," IOC president Thomas Bach told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The worker was on the track when he was hit by a forerunning sled near the finish line at the Sanki Sliding Center, just before the start of Thursday's two-man bobsled training.

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A track worker is loaded into an ambulance after he was injured when a bobsled hit him during a training run. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Slid away. Canadian lugers still waiting to be called Olympic winners

It was three close calls but no Olympic medal for Canadian lugers at the Sochi Olympics.

Alex Gough, Samuel Edney, Tristan Walker and Justin Smith just missed the podium with a fourth-place finish Thursday in the first ever Olympic luge relay event.

It was Canada's third fourth-place finish of the Games in luge. Calgary's Gough finished fourth in the women's event, while Walker, of Cochrane, Alta., and Calgary's Smith were fourth in doubles.

"I'm crushed," Walker said. "Words can't even describe it. There was no one thing to pinpoint ... It just hurts."

Edney, also from Calgary,

was 11th in the men's event.

"It is brutal," Edney said. "It sucks and is not easy."

"It is even harder for both of my teammates. We wanted this so bad — not only for us and our program but for all of Canada."

Canada will now have to wait four years for another shot at its first-ever luge medal.

Canada came into the Olympics as a medal hopeful in the relay, winning silver at the 2013 world championships and bronze in 2012.

Germany won to complete its golden sweep of luge events in Sochi, while Russia finished second and Latvia third.

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Canadians Justin Smith, left, and Tristan Walker race during men's double luge on Wednesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. boosted by slopestylers

Americans Joss Christensen (gold), pictured, Gus Kenworthy (silver) and Nick Goepper (bronze) swept the podium in men's slopestyle skiing Thursday, putting on a spectacular show to boost America's lagging medal count and provide the U.S. team with a jolt. CAMERON SPENCER/GETTY IMAGES

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Although today's full moon takes place in your fellow Fire sign of Aries you could still get emotional and say things you later regret, so bite your tongue and keep your feelings to yourself — for now.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You like to aim high but sometimes you wonder if it's worth the effort. Only you can decide but today is not a good time to make decisions concerning either your career or your family.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Today's full moon makes minor disputes seem bigger than they actually are, but now that you know that you can make a conscious effort not to take what you see and hear seriously.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What looks confusing now will seem logical come the start of next week, so no matter what happens over the next two or three days, don't let it worry you. That applies especially to money matters.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Try not to jump to conclusions today because either your grasp of the facts is wrong or you are looking at them through an emotional haze.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As today's full moon occurs in the most sensitive area of your chart, things you could not usually care less about will worry you. Provided you don't act on those worries everything will be fine.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It may be annoying that someone is dragging their feet but don't make an issue of it. The full moon means you just have to accept that not everyone thinks or moves or acts as fast as you.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It seems you're having second thoughts about a career move. You want to move up in the world, of course, but is this the route you should be taking? Think about it but don't make any decisions until next week.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you do things for others that they should be doing for themselves it won't be long before they expect you to do it all. Let others know that they need to take more responsibility for themselves.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It seems you'd rather go on making mistakes than admit you're on the wrong track. Your fixity of purpose is often a great strength but not when you so obviously need to change direction.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Today's full moon can either be a positive or a negative influence, depending on how you choose to react to people who annoy you. No matter what they do or say, just smile.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

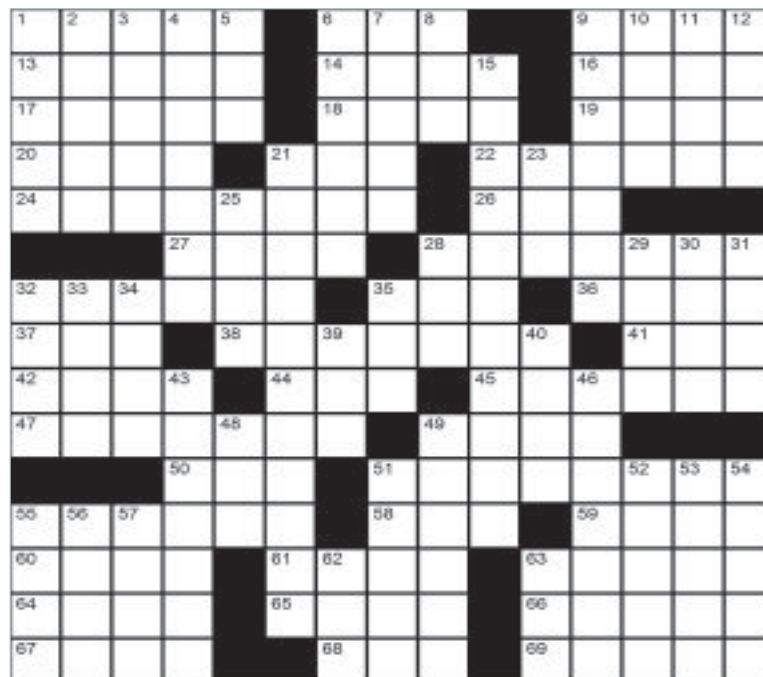
What you have been doing is good but the way you have been doing it is bad and today's full moon will in some way highlight that fact.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Valentine's Day shape
- SOCHI 2014 - US broadcaster of the Olympics
- Hailed rides
- Variant-spelled sea eagles
- Banned orchard spray
- Odd mixture
- Hair salon service
- Jackson 5 member
- Eve's opposite
- Gull-like bird
- Witty wordplay
- SOCHI 2014 - Alpine Skiing event, ___ -
- Greeting card company
- 'Propyl' suffix (Flammable gas)
- Books bag
- It's on the Ontario-Quebec border, Lake ___
- Detector
- CV of life
- Rosie O'Donnell movie, "Exit to ___" (1994)
- Deuce
- Actor, Sir John ___ (b.1904 - d.2000)
- "Yikes!"
- River to the Ubangi
- Grand ___ (Wine classification)
- Is feeling seasick
- Count ___, Anna Karenina's beloved
- Cooking fat
- ___-Tac-Toe
- SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
- Berlin's "Take My ___ Away"
- Sewing ___
- Rattle
- Elusive snowy monster
- Genesis kid



- Famed journalist, Seymour ___
- "Parenthood" actress Ms. Christensen
- Invalidate
- Sprinkles that non-slip stuff on the winter roads again
- The Waste Land poet's monogram
- Mother ___
- Rock band, ___-182
- Feline

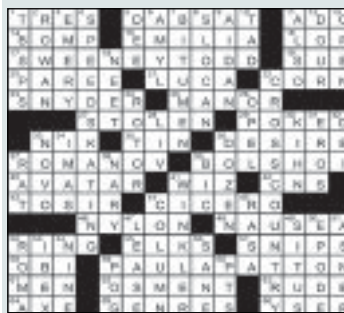
- SOCHI 2014 - Go for the gold
- Balm additive
- Whirring sound
- Tunesmith's creation
- Romantic gift on February 14th: 2 wds.
- SOCHI 2014 - Canadian star of Figure Skating: 2 wds.

- Single
- Retro synthesizer
- Lettered insurance co.
- Creative thinking result
- Hive denizens
- Like tattoos
- Alphabetic sequence
- Spouted water container
- ___ contendere (Court plea)
- ___-ray player
- 'Brew' suffix
- Affaire d'honneur
- Necessitates
- Bangles ballad: "___ Flame"
- Rest
- Abilities
- Bundle of yarn
- Boreal forest
- Mary-Kate ___
- Shortages
- Computer's nibble?
- Careen
- And others, briefly: 2 wds.
- Princess Eugenie's sis
- Smartphone add-on

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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Yesterday's Crossword

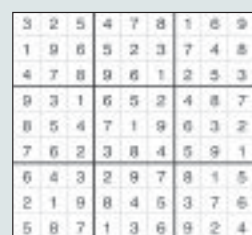


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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